

State of Louisiana

M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has throughout history suffered the ravages of thunderstorms, floods, tornadoes, and other severe weather; and

WHEREAS, over the years, many lives have been lost and millions of dollars in damages and destruction caused by such severe weather; and

WHEREAS, population growth steadily increases the potential for loss of life and property from these natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, tornadoes and other severe weather often strike with little notice, leaving a minimum amount of time for protective actions; and

WHEREAS, experience has demonstrated that a well-informed and prepared public can better cope with and survive tornadoes, floods, and other severe weather; and

WHEREAS, government agencies, local businesses, schools, the National Weather Service, Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness, and others are ready to work with the citizens of Louisiana and the news media to inform the public of tornado and other severe weather preparedness and safety measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the week of March 5-9, 2001, as

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

in the state of Louisiana, and encourage all citizens to do their part by preparing for disasters.



Attest By
The Governor

Joseph R. Keith
Secretary of State

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 23rd day of February
A.D. 2001

M. J. Foster, Jr.
Governor of Louisiana